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Scott Report . . .

CIA Involved With Nicaraguan Guerrillas

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Sandinista guerrillas, whose abortive offensive against President Anastasio Somoza's government in Nicaragua left more than one hundred dead, are receiving covert help from elements within the Central Intelligence Agency and several U.S. journalists, as well as from Communist Cuba.

Anti-Castro Cubans, who have succeeded in infiltrating the ranks of the guerrillas, report that covert CIA agents in Nicaragua, Mexico, and Costa Rica have been spotted meeting with guerrilla leaders.

What these intelligence agents are doing isn't completely clear although the guerrillas usually have large sums of money to use to buy military supplies following the clandestine get-togethers.

There is also evidence that a "third party group," operating as a neutral in the fighting in Nicaragua, is being used by certain elements within the CIA to channel information, food, medicine, and money into the guerrilla forces.

This information indicates the need for an immediate full-scale congressional investigation to determine the involvement of these intelligence "operatives" and their contacts with private foreign policy study groups in the U.S. and State Department officials, since there is no evidence that President Carter has authorized the CIA or any other government agency to support the guerrillas.

U.S. military intelligence sources, who will not discuss the CIA involvement, report that the guerrillas are receiving most of their arms from Cuba, Panama, and Mexico via Costa Rica. The recent offensive was launched from bases set up in Costa Rica by the guerrillas.

These guerrilla bases are now being reinforced with newly trained terrorists from Cuba for the "second wave" of the military action against the Nicaraguan government. This is expected to

take place later this month or early in October.

USING U.S. NEWSMEN

In addition to their meetings with CIA agents, leaders of the guerrillas also have been getting together with several far-left U.S. newsmen, including Tad Szulc, former New York Times reporter and free-lance writer, whose international Communist links are carefully documented in U.S. security files.

Since returning from a secret meeting with guerrilla officials, Szulc has been making the rounds at the State Department and on Capitol Hill spouting the Marxist guerrilla's official line. It goes like this:

The U.S. should quietly increase its links with the Sandinista guerrilla leaders, to lessen the anti-American feeling and, then create a situation in which the revolutionaries would collaborate with the nonviolent opposition in Nicaragua in ousting the Somoza government.

To accomplish the coalition, the guerrilla leaders would even accept an inter-American peace-keeping force, dispatched to Nicaragua to arrange for the transition from the Somoza government.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUP

What Szulc isn't saying in trying to influence these officials is that the hard-core Sandinista guerrillas are recent volunteers for the transnational terrorist war against Israel and want Nicaragua as a base to carry out their activities against Jewish and anti-Communist groups in Latin America and the U.S.

According to the highly respected publication, *The Jewish Week*, the Sandinistas emerged early in 1978 as the "Latin American connection"

for radical anti-Israel activity, making a series of announcements aligning themselves with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and other Palestinian groups committed to eliminating Israel.

Little known outside Nicaragua until last month, the Sandinistas attracted world attention by capturing more than 1,500 hostages in the presidential palace and trading them for 58 political prisoners, \$500,000, and safe passage to asylum in Panama.

The official name of the group is the Sandinista Front for the Liberation of Nicaragua (FSLN). The group takes its name from Augusto Cesar Sandino, a guerrilla leader killed fighting against the U.S. Marines who occupied Nicaragua and helped put the Somoza family in power in 1937.

THE PLO CONNECTION

On Feb. 6th, the PLO and the Sandinistas released a "joint communique" in Mexico City, which, according to Radio Havana, was to "emphasize the bonds of solidarity which exist between the two revolutionary organizations."

The communique attacked the "racist state of Israel" for its reported military sales to anti-Communist Latin American countries, for serving as an enclave of "U.S. imperialism" in the Middle East, and particularly for alleged Israeli economic and military aid to Nicaragua.

Significantly, the communique was put out at a major Moscow-front gathering called the Continental Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for Peace, Sovereignty, and Economic Independence.

The conference was sponsored by Moscow's international "peace and disarmament" organ, the World Peace Council, an organization reportedly run by the Central Committee of the Com-

munist Party, USSR, and the KGB, the Soviet secret police and espionage organization.

This newly established tie-in between the PLO and the Sandinistas and their Moscow and Cuban connections clearly indicate the international Communist-terrorist threat that would face the U.S. in Nicaragua if these forces shoot their way to power. Congress must move now to force an end to any help that elements within the CIA are giving these terrorists.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAIL PROBLEMS

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President Carter is finding it extremely difficult to obtain speedy delivery of some important letters dealing with state business even though he has access to the best communication equipment in the world, including those earth-circling communication satellites.

The President, for example, finds at times that it is easier to communicate with the head of a foreign government located thousands of miles away than with Congress, although the latter is located less than two miles away at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

A graphic illustration of this communication breakdown occurred recently when the President dispatched a letter to Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D. Mass.), notifying the House of Representatives of his determination to extend the current trade embargoes against Communist Vietnam, Cambodia, North Korea, and Cuba.

Authorized under Section (5) (b) of the Trading with the Enemy Act the embargoes against these four Communist countries were set to expire on Thursday, Sept. 14th

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